

Therefore, under current policy there is no dispensation for free power from thermal power stations.

T&D Losses and power Generation Targets in Eleventh Five Year Plan

672. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is targeting to add a generation capacity of up to 70,000 MW in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, while asking the States to bring down transmission and distribution losses to 15 per cent by 2010 from about 40 per cent now;

(b) whether the Approach Paper, which has been approved by National Development Council, to the Eleventh Five Year Plan has asked the States to give higher priority to reduce the Transmission and Distribution losses and Eleventh Five Year Plan target of 60,000-70,000 MW generation transmission and distribution; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) XI Plan Working Group on Power has identified acceleration in capacity generation and reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) as thrust areas.

The Approach paper to the 11 th Plan (2007—12) approved by the National Development Council has emphasized reduction of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses (which include Transmission & Distribution (T&D) losses as well as commercial losses) in the States from the current level of around 40% to at least 15% by the end of 11th Plan.

To augment the generation capacity, power projects of over 76,400 MW have been identified for 11th Plan, of which 44,358 MW are under construction.

To reduce AT&C losses, the Accelerated Power Distribution and Reform Programme is currently under operation. The Abraham Committee recently recommended restructuring of the Scheme to make it more effective.